

STEAMER ON FIRE RUSHES TO SAFETY

Reaches Deep Water Pier, and
Passengers Leave in Orderly
Manner.

VESSEL IS BADLY DAMAGED

Blaze Breaks Out in Hold of the
Maryland, N. Y., P. & N.
R. Vessel.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Norfolk, Va., December 15.—Flight-
ing fire with the aid of United States
sailors, with dense volumes of smoke
pouring from her hold and creating
great excitement along the water front,
the steamer Maryland, of the New York,
Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad,
safely made the deep-water pier at
Beach, tonight, landing over 300
passengers without a mishap. The
steamer is badly damaged.

The Maryland sailed from Norfolk
to Cape Charles shortly after 6 o'clock.
She had aboard a large cargo of freight
and 300 passengers, forty of whom
were women and children.

When off the Virginia pier a fire was
discovered in the hold, amidship. An
examination showed that it was among
the cotton bales and spreading rapidly.
Captain Sadler immediately ordered
full speed ahead, and his objective port
was the deep-water pier. When vol-
umes of smoke began to pour from the
hold he immediately began sounding
signals of distress.

The passengers were at supper when
the announcement of the fire was made.
The assurances of Captain Sadler that
there was no immediate danger and
that it was only a question of a few
minutes before they would be safely
landed was accepted in good faith.

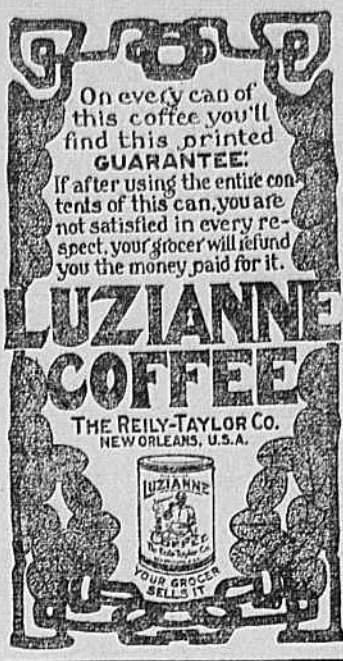
There was no panic, and the orders to
remain on the upper decks were rigidly
observed.
Mate Foster, in attempting to extin-
guish the fire single-handed, had to be
hauled to safety by means of a rope,
which was passed down to him from
the upper deck.

Sailors Work Hard.
Eight United States sailors, passen-
gers on the steamer, distinguished
themselves for bravery and probably
saved the lives of many passengers
and prevented the complete destruction
of the ship. A sailor named Stone
hung over the sides of the steamer,
while several companions held his feet,
and with his hands burst a window
leading to the freight hold and turned
a stream of water on the fire.

He held this position for fifteen min-
utes, while the Maryland was racing
with all speed possible for Sewell's
Point to discharge her passengers.
The ferry steamer Endeavor, which
was unloading Newport News passen-
gers at its private wharf at Pine
Beach, refused to take on passengers
for the return trip and answered the
Maryland's distress signal. It was
the first steamer to reach the side of
the Maryland and accompanied her to
the deep-water pier. The signals soon
had a dozen tugs and steamers on the
scene, and the tugs assisted in the
fire fighting after the steamer had been
docked.

The orderly disembarking of the
passengers and their baggage was ac-
complished at the pier without inci-
dent. At midnight the fire-fighting
was still in progress. The steamer is
said to be partly wrecked.

There was but one accident. Owen
Startt, an oiler, caught in the engine-



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room, was forced to escape by break-
ing through a glass partition, and one
arm was badly cut. His wounds are
not serious.

Discovered in Time.

Had the fire been discovered thirty
minutes later when the steamer reach-
ed the bay, it is believed there would
have been a dreadful loss of life.
The greatest damage was done amid-
ship, where the fire started. The
flames reached the upper cabin, and the
walls of some of the staterooms were
badly scorched.

Captain Sadler, commanding the
Maryland, was loudly praised for the
way he handled the steamer in her
race for safety.

The steamer Pennsylvania was rush-
ed from Norfolk, and she took on the
passengers from the Maryland and
proceeded to Cape Charles.

No estimate of the damage done the
steamer could be made by the officials
of the company to-night.

EPIDEMIC OF HYDROPHOBIA IN FOREST DEPOT SECTION

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lynchburg, Va., December 15.—The
country around Forest Depot, Bedford
county, is suffering from an epidemic
of hydrophobia, and during the past
few weeks, three boys are known to
have been bitten by dogs suffering
from rabies. The people are thor-
oughly aroused over the situation, and
an appeal is being made to the people in
that section to muzzle or confine their
canines.

In the past two months nearly
twenty dogs have been killed in a
radius of two miles, and all of them
are known to have had hydrophobia,
or to have been bitten by dogs suffer-
ing from that malady.

The head of the dog which bit three
boys was sent to Washington, and the
examination there developed the fact
that the dogs were suffering from
rabies. Four dogs which were bitten
by the same dog were killed Tuesday,
after being muzzled.

Sale of Railroad Confirmed.
Winston-Salem, N. C., December 15.—
In the United States Court to-day
Judge Boyd confirmed the sale of the
Mount Airy and Eastern Railway, run-
ning from Mount Airy into Grayson
county, Va., twenty miles, the pur-
chase price being \$20,000. Unsecured
creditors opposed the sale, on the
ground that the road cost nearly \$200,
000, but it was shown by counsel for
the receiver that the property had
been twice advertised with no bidders.

Famous Crown Jewel



The Cullinan diamond, as it will ap-
pear at the coronation. This photo-
graph shows the size of the great
crown gem which the Dowager Queen
Alexandra used to wear as a pendant.

PETITION WILL BE FILED SATURDAY

Anti-Saloon League Has Not
Given Up Plan to Contest
Election.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lynchburg, Va., December 15.—De-
spite rumors on the street that the
Anti-Saloon League had determined not
to contest the result of the local option
election, George E. Caskie, counsel for
the league, was busy today preparing
the petition, and he expects to file it
some time Saturday.

Saturday will be the last day for the
petition to be filed, for if it is not in
the hands of Clerk Davis, of the Cor-
poration Court, by that afternoon, the
right to contest the election will have
been lost.

Mr. Caskie will not disclose the
grounds upon which the validity of the
election will be attacked, but he ad-
mitted this afternoon that the petition
will be much longer than he had an-
ticipated from the first.

It is not known yet whether Judge
A. A. Pheggar, of Christiansburg, will
be associated with Mr. Caskie in the
petition, nor will he say whether he
will have associate counsel or not. In-
deed, further than he is preparing one
petition, and that it probably will be a
lengthy one, he will not talk for pub-
lication.

JUDGE DECIDES IMPORTANT CASE

Settles Policy as to Payment
of Commissions to County
Treasurer.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lynchburg, Va., December 15.—In the City
Circuit Court to-day Judge W. R. Barks-
dale decided the appeal from the Board
of Supervisors, which involved the pay-
ment of commissions on certain taxes to
County Treasurer Callahan, as well as the set-
tlement of the future policy of a county treas-
urer appropriating to his own personal use
the daily balances on funds held by such
officials in bank for the credit of the
county.

Judge Barksdale held with reference to
the interest accruing from the daily bank
balances that this belongs to the county
and not to the treasurer, but the other
phase of the appeal was in favor of Treas-
urer Callahan.

Judge Anderson, who decided the annexa-
tion case, by which a large portion of the
suburbs were brought into the city on Jan-
uary 1, 1907, ordered that the city should
collect the taxes for the year 1908, and pay
one-half of them to the county. This
amounted to about \$1,000, and upon payment
by the city the county County Treasurer
Callahan deducted 25 per cent.
for commissions.

Commonwealth's Attorney William Mur-
rell took the ground before the Board of
Supervisors that the treasurer did not prop-
erly deduct these commissions, claiming that
the entire fund paid over by the city should
have gone to the credit of the city. The
board, however, did not agree with the
Commonwealth's attorney, and decided that
Mr. Callahan was right in taking the com-
missions indicated. The case was carried to
the Circuit Court by Mr. Murrell, and Judge
Barksdale's decision to-day upholds Mr.
Callahan and the board in their contention
in the matter.

With regard to the daily bank balances
on county funds the balances in bank from
July, 1908, to July, 1909, were used as a test
case, and Judge Barksdale decided that the
treasurer did not have a right to appropriate
the interest arising from these balances,
but that they should have been passed to
the credit of the fund from which the in-
terest accrued. It was found that in the in-
terest for the year in question amounted to
about \$600, and it is understood, the county
treasurer will have to account for all of
such interest that may have arisen during
his term of office.

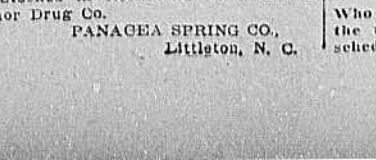
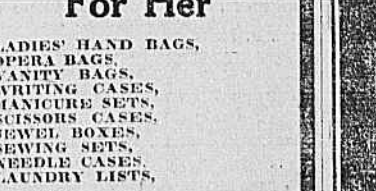
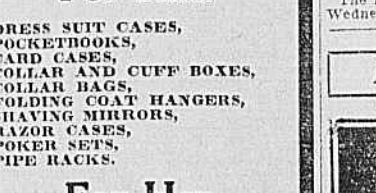
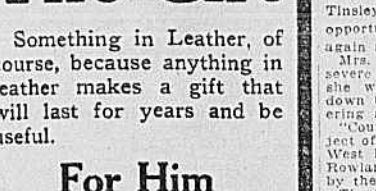
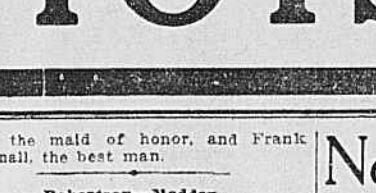
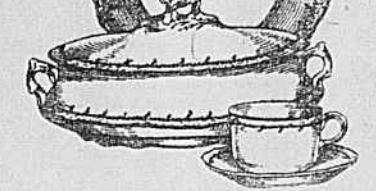
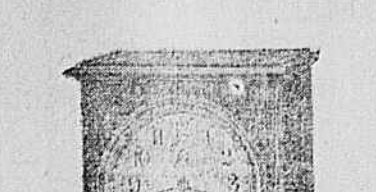
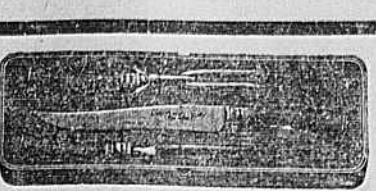
The right of the county treasurer to ap-
propriate this interest arose a year or more
ago over the school fund. At that time Mr.
Callahan readily admitted that he had fol-
lowed the precedent of his predecessors in
office and had passed this fund to his own
credit, believing that he did not want the in-
terest if it was not due him.

The case was prosecuted by George E.
Caskie and William M. Murrell, and George
E. Caskie and J. Tinsley Coleman appeared
for the defense.

Howell-Layne.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lynchburg, Va., December 15.—Yes-
terday at noon at the Madison Heights
Methodist Church, parsonage, Miss
Mary Ella Layne was married to Clem
T. Howell, Rev. J. K. Walton, pastor of
the Madison Methodist Church, being
the celebrant. Miss Emily Smithers

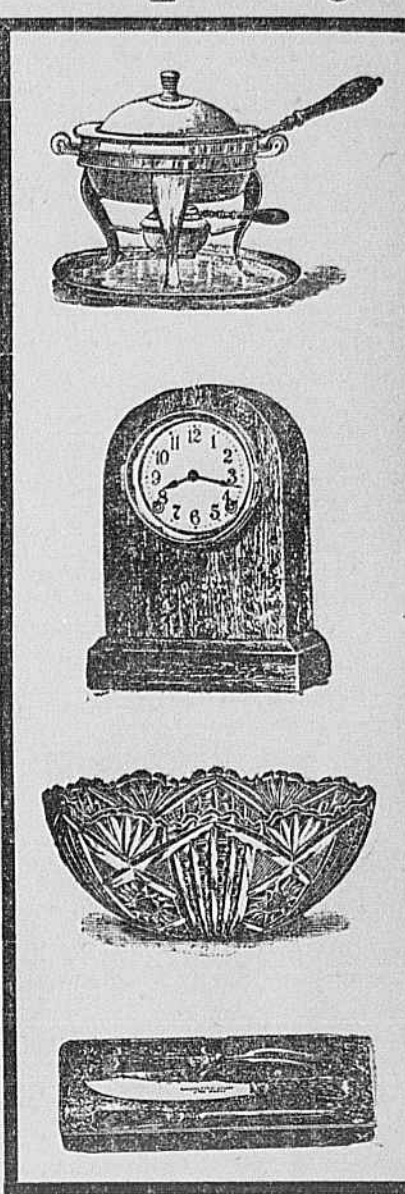
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was the maid of honor, and Frank
Hudnall, the best man.

Robertson-Maddox.

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Lynchburg, Va., December 15.—Yes-
terday at 3 P. M., at the parsonage of
the College Hill Baptist Church, the
pastor, Rev. W. A. Ayres, officiating,
Lee T. Robertson and Miss May T.
Maddox, both of Fairview Heights,
were united in marriage.

R. Jeter Jones, who will leave the
city for Jacksonville, Fla., is not G.
Jeter Jones, who is still manager of
the Savings Department of the Mer-
chants National Bank.

The Gift

Something in Leather, of
course, because anything in
leather makes a gift that
will last for years and be
useful.

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POCKETBOOKS,
CARD CASES,
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CLOTHING BAGS,
FOLDING COAT HANGERS,
SHAVING MIRRORS,
HAZARD CASES,
POCKET SETS,
PIPE RACKS.

For Her

LADIES' HAND BAGS,
OPERA BAGS,
VANITY BAGS,
WRITING CASES,
MANICURE SETS,
SCISSORS CASES,
JEWEL BOXES,
SEWING SETS,
NEEDLE CASES,
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News of South Richmond

South Richmond Bureau,
The Times-Dispatch,
1100 Hull Street.

Several important cases will be tried this
morning by Magistrate L. W. Cheatham,
of the Oak Grove District, Chesterfield county.
George Fausnet will be given a hearing on
a charge of stealing fourteen cords of wood
from Gill Brothers. Commonwealth's Attor-
ney Gregory declared yesterday that he is
prepared to prosecute this case to the limit.
The defense will be represented by Attorney
Harry M. Smith, Jr.

The case of the two small negroes, alleged
to have attempted to poison the family of
George Randall, colored, will also be heard
by Squire Cheatham.

To Get Another Chance.
Although he failed to come up to the phys-
ical standard required by the Police Board
at his recent examination, Policeman C. T.
Tinsley, recently elected, will be given an
opportunity to recover. He will be examined
again next month.

Mrs. Bonnie Forrester, who sustained
severe contusions and bruises Tuesday when
she was seized with convulsions and fell
down the rear steps of her home, is recov-
ering at the City Hospital.

"Courtship and Marriage" will be the sub-
ject of a lecture to-night at 8 o'clock at the
West End Methodist Church by Rev. J. M.
Rowland. Special music will be furnished
by the choir.

The funeral of Mrs. Julia Moore, who died
Wednesday, will take place this afternoon

at 3 o'clock from the home of A. H.
Thomas, Swansboro. Interment will be made
in Maury Cemetery.

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Hunting for Relatives.
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